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**ACTION  
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PLAN!**

Andy Anderson  
ACTION Promotion Specialist

What is action? It is a means to enroll a lot of people in Bible study in a very short time. Reaching new people for Bible study means opportunities to lead more people to faith in Jesus Christ.

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The Action Plan uses five basic approaches: (1) The task force — (Continued on page 3)

## Black And White Baptists Take Evangelism Training

By Tim Nicholas

Black and white Baptists in Mississippi, according to Dick Brogan of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff, "were like two railroad tracks running side by side — never touching." But today the near totality of this separation may be ending.

A plan for cooperation between the two races in evangelistic endeavor is taking shape, under the direction of a biracial committee jointly headed by Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Richard Porter, a black pastor of Columbia and president of the East Mississippi Missionary Baptist Convention.

The committee, with representation from Southern Baptists and most of the nine National (black) Baptist conventions in the state, has scheduled a major kickoff rally for March 23, 1979 at the City Auditorium in Jackson. The rally is to kick off a month of simultaneous revivals in black and white churches all over Mississippi.



The campaign is being called Good News Mississippi.

Preparation for these revivals will include regionally scheduled training for black and white pastors in the state to teach them to return to their churches, where they will lead lay evangelism schools, all prior to the revivals next April.

Lay evangelism schools take adults and youth into learning the basics of

how to witness, placing students into actual witnessing situations.

Backing the training process up one more step, people need to be trained to teach the pastors to teach their congregations.

That primary step was taken this past week at Gulfshore by about 30 white and 20 black Mississippi Baptist pastors. It was the first conference to be held at the rebuilt state retreat at Pass Christian. Coincidentally, a black pastor was the first to register.

This was not the first thing blacks and white Baptists have done in the state. Brogan's office, the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, exists to find ways for the two groups to aid one another in ministry. Many meetings between

blacks and whites have taken place through his office. And a limited amount of joint work has been done at the associational and church levels.

The four day training session held at Gulfshore was a course in "How To Grow an Evangelistic Church," a system worked out by the staff of the Home Mission Board's Evangelism Section. The course includes detailed plans for churches, offering a total program for fulfilling the objective of the title.

This was the first time the course, led by HMB staffers, has been taught in Mississippi. George Daniels, pastor of two churches in Choctaw and Webster Counties, like most participants polled was enthusiastic about the (Continued on page 2)

## Shuttle Bus System Set For Atlanta SBC

ATLANTA (BR) — Local arrangement planners for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta in June will provide a shuttle bus system to and from major hotels to the Georgia World Congress Center and from major parking lots.

More than 16,000 registered messengers and some 20,000 persons are expected to attend the SBC annual sessions, June 13-15, and a battery of surrounding meetings.

Tom Duvall, chairman of the Atlanta transportation committee, said four primary bus routes have been chartered, serving 25 of Atlanta's largest hotels within inner-city Atlanta. Additional routes will be added if needed to serve more distant motels.

Shuttle buses also will operate frequently from the Atlanta Civic Center parking lot, a huge lot of about 10 minutes from the convention site. It will cost only \$1 per day to park there. SBC messengers are urged to use that lot and ride the shuttle bus to the convention.

Duvall explained that about 5,000 parking spaces are in the vicinity of

the World Congress Center, but that these are usually occupied by Atlanta business people. The congress center is in the heart of downtown Atlanta.

"Many hotels are within easy walking distance of the World Congress Center," Duvall said. "Thousands of (Continued on page 2)

## Four From Mississippi Record 106 Journeymen Receive Board Approval

FORT WORTH, Texas — A record 106 young adults were approved for training as Southern Baptist missionary journeymen during the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board convening here.

Four are from Mississippi. They are Bob Dent, of Holly Springs, to Liberia;

Claudia Tenney, of Columbia, to North Brazil; Randy Von Kanel, of Pascagoula, to the Cayman Islands; and Patti Wilson, of Houston, to Rhodesia.

The number tops last year's record of 103 approvals—the largest number since the journeyman program was instituted in 1965. Journeymen are college graduates, age 26 and under, who

work overseas for two years in jobs alongside career missionaries.

Coming from 24 states, the 106 candidates will be going out to 42 different countries and areas in eight regions of the world. From Jakarta, Indonesia, to Kumasi, Ghana, to Fes, Morocco, the prospective journeymen will serve in varied fields. They will work as student evangelists, nurses, teachers, agriculturists, secretaries, musicians and librarians.

Eighteen of the 106 claim Texas as their home state. The next state with (Continued on page 2)



A bit of harmonizing takes place during the evangelism training session. Left to right are Alexander Kirkwood, pastor of Holy Ghost Missionary Baptist Church in Clinton; J. C. Renfro, Rankin Association director of missions; and Curtis Williams, pastor of McLaurin Heights Baptist Church in Rankin County.

## Another Missionary Returns To Ethiopia; Asks For Prayer

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (BP) — Donald Kirkland, Southern Baptist missionary from Florida and Georgia, has joined the Lynn Groces in this capital city of Ethiopia after nine months' absence.

Groce reported Kirkland's arrival in a telephone call to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters in Richmond, Va. Groce also asked that Southern Baptists join with the missionaries in prayer for a work permit for Kirkland and for the reopening of work in rural Ethiopia.

Southern Baptist missionaries left the country in June, 1977, when political tensions made it impossible to work effectively in the rural areas where their ministries are concentrated. The Ethiopian government had advised them to move to the capital city, but the lack of established ministries in the capital city made it advisable for them to leave the country temporarily.

Kirkland and Groce are now looking into the possibility of reentering the rural areas of Ethiopia but will remain

in Addis Ababa while awaiting developments. Kirkland expects to be joined by his family within a few days.

## Associational Workshops Planned

More than 500 associational officers are expected to attend an Associational Planning Workshop scheduled for May 16, 1978 at Alta Woods Baptist Church, 168 Colonial Drive in Jackson. The meeting will begin with a general session at 9:30 a.m. and will dismiss at 3:00 p.m.

Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and coordinator for this event stated that the workshop is being provided by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and all expenses will be (Continued on page 2)

## Either Way, It's For A "Plug"

CRAIGMONT, Idaho (BP) — The baptistry in the Prairie Baptist Church hadn't been used in seven years — it leaked — until an enterprising church member stuck a horse trough into the available space.

The trough is filled with a garden hose connected to a faucet in the restroom. But like the original baptistry, the water heater doesn't always work just right. When the water is too hot, a little snow in the tub by the inventive church members cools it fine.

## Seminary Begins Prayer Ministry

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Students and faculty members at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary have begun an intercessory prayer ministry, staffed 12 hours a day in a recently completed prayer room.

"Prayer line" initially was aimed at serving the prayer needs of the seminary community but has expanded to surrounding Marin County and is open to prayer requests from all over the world. Seminary President William M. Pinson, Jr., one of the prime mov-

ers behind the prayer ministry, says, "Golden Gate Seminary believes in spiritual formation and development as well as academic training. The seminary exists to serve and not just be served."

Persons wishing to relay a request for prayer, should write the Office of the President, Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. 94941 or call (415) 388-8000 Ext. 12. Prayer Line personnel will keep all requests in the strictest confidence.

## Missionary Moved From Intensive Care

DALLAS (BP) — Ruth (Mrs. Jack G.) Partain, Southern Baptist missionary injured in a car accident March 23 in Kibaha, Tanzania, has been moved out of the intensive care unit at Baylor University Medical Center.

Word from Partain indicates his wife's recovery is still expected to be lengthy but she is responding better and her level of consciousness is improving. She has been semiconscious as a result of a brain contusion she received in the car-truck collision. Because a long recovery is expected, the Partains have been granted early furlough for medical reasons.

Partain was driving during the mishap but received only minor injuries. Another missionary, Marilyn (Mrs. Tom W.) McMillan, was also hospitalized after the accident but is recovering at her home in Arusha, Tanzania.

## Quoted

**Tone Setter:** "Preaching, more than any ministerial activity, sets the tone of congregational life," William Hull, pastor of Shreveport's First Baptist Church, told participants at the first National Conference of Preaching. The importance and primacy of preaching in church life was emphasized by five Southern Baptist speakers addressing about 315 participants from 18 states at the first of two national preaching conferences sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. "Preaching is not a recital of what man has done for God, but what God has done for man," Hull said. "The preacher's utterance is not an informed opinion on spiritual issues, rather it is a divine occurrence in which the Christ-event actually happens all over again."

## Opportunities Match Your Skills

By Tim Nicholas

Try pronouncing this one: Bophuthatswana.

It's a new country in South Africa. But it's more than that. It's a place where a Christian witness is welcomed. The premier of that country, wants Christian leaders to be involved in all areas of life in the country, especially in the teaching fields.

This, according to James Cecil of the Foreign Mission Board, is a great opportunity for mission volunteers to go there and present their Christian witness.

Cecil was joined last week in Jackson for a special conference on volunteerism by Don Hammonds of the Home Mission Board. The two, who handle volunteer ministries for their respective agencies, had been invited to speak to potential mission volunteers at the conference which was sponsored jointly by the First Baptist Church in Jackson, the Hinds-Madison association, and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Fourteen speakers, and staffers of the three sponsoring groups spoke during the two hour conference to the eight interested persons who came.

Opportunities for volunteer involvement in both home and foreign missions has never been greater —

both in numbers of places to serve and in types of service needed.

An insurance salesman is in Europe now talking to individuals in the upper echelon of business to ask if they could use someone from the U.S. to work in their organization with any

Persons interested in volunteer missions of any sort, but who do not know procedures, may contact any of the following persons at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board: Foy Rogers, Marjean Patterson, or Paul Harrell. These people comprise the Volunteer Missions Committee for the convention board. They can answer questions and give information on all phases and opportunities of mission service. Write care of Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or phone 354-3704.

skill. The people would go as mission service corps personnel, working for the secular organizations, but with the ability and opportunity to witness for Christ as they served.

Don Hammonds reported that the HMB would be needing lots of volunteers to relate to the 1980 Winter

Olympics to be held at Lake Placid, N. Y. A US-2 couple will be assigned there this fall and Ken Prickett, a special missions ministries coordinator is being reassigned there. They will be needing help for ministries to the athletes and spectators before, during,

and after the sports spectacle. Hammonds said the HMB offers assignments to mission youth groups who wish to do mission work in the U.S. this summer. 400 groups have already been assigned by his office. Others make contact with missionaries on their own. Altogether, Hammonds estimated 14-16,000 youths and their

leaders will go out this summer. Missions volunteers Lyle Corey of Grenada and Tex Watson of Jackson told of their involvement in projects. Said Corey, "If you'll get down and work with a person, he'll listen to you quicker than if you stand on the corner and preach to him." He said he got a report that a carpenter he'd worked with on a mission trip had made a profession of faith in Christ two weeks after Corey's return to Mississippi.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board spoke to the participants, estimating that Mississippi's fair share of mission volunteers for Bold Mission Thrust's goal of 5,000 volunteers by 1982, would be about 350.

He said that not only will churches have to raise the level of Cooperative Program giving by about 15 percent per year, but that the people who go into missions need to be committed to it, not just some "Don Quixotes."

On Cooperative Program giving, Kelly said, the great concern "on the part of some of us is that we not be boxed in on mission giving to special offerings." He said financial squeezes on the part of the Baptist people during the short 2-8 week periods of Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong giving (Continued on page 2)

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## WMU Will "Think On These Things"

ATLANTA (BP) — Participants in the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Women's Missionary Union will "think on" a variety of world needs and individual responses to those needs when they gather in the Atlanta Civic Center, June 11-12.

The WMU meeting is one of a number of sessions surrounding the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Convening under a theme, "Think on These Things," the SBC woman's auxiliary will devote its Sunday, June 11, session, which begins at 5:30 p.m., to confronting the world needs which precipitated the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust goal. During Monday morning, afternoon and evening sessions, the program will focus on ways individuals have and may respond to those needs. Bold Mission Thrust is the SBC plan to let everyone in the world hear the message of Christ by the year 2000.

### Board Reports

Four representatives of the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards will lead a Sunday "discovery" feature which will outline world needs. They are Beverly Hammack, assistant director, Christian social ministries, and Dan B. Martin, editor of the news service, both of the Home Mission Board, and William R. Wakefield, secretary for Southeast Asia, and David L. Saunders, secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, both of the Foreign Mission Board.

Special features during Monday sessions include interviews with career missionaries, short-term mission volunteers, and church WMU leaders by Mrs. Charles Caldwell, a lecturer, of Houston, Texas, exploring individual responses to need.

She will interview home missionaries, Mrs. A. J. Silva, Atlanta, and Fayiz Saknini, Smyrna, Ga., foreign missionary, Crea Ridenour of Colombia, and other missionaries to be announced on Monday morning.

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Caldwell will interview four couples about their response to short-term mission programs. They are Dr. and Mrs. Lee N. Allen, Birmingham, Ala., and their two children, Leland, 11, and

Leslie, 8; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Price, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Miner, Birmingham; and Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Lee, Menomonee, Wisc., the first volunteers appointed by the SBC Mission Service Corps.

Monday night interviews include Mrs. Joyce Irons, Colfax, W. Va.; teenager Toni Berry, Pensacola, Fla.; Mrs. John Isaacs, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. Harold Burrell, Metter, Ga.; and Mrs. Eva Marie Dyke, Springfield, Mo., all WMU leaders in local churches.

### Features

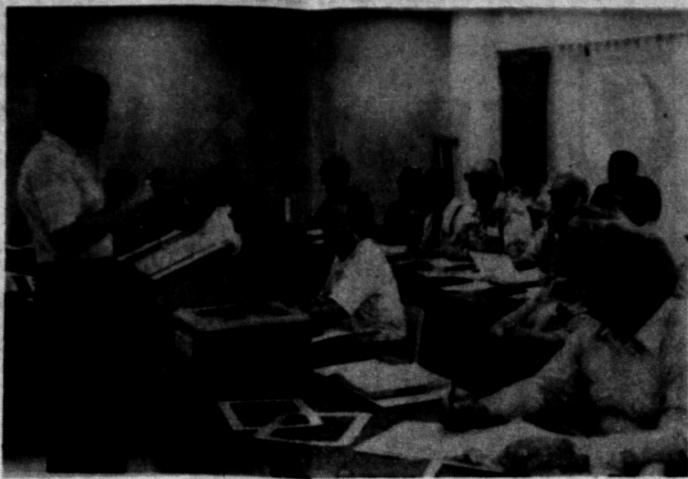
Other program features include major addresses by John R. Cheyne of the Foreign Mission Board, on world hunger; Grady C. Cothen, president, SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, who will close the meeting with a challenge to respond to Bold Mission; and Mrs. Elizabeth Newby, an author and lecturer from Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Newby, who spent her childhood in a migrant worker's family, will discuss how Christians may move from the receiving to the giving end of missions.

Helen E. Falls, professor of missions at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will lead worship at each session; Carolyn Weatherford of Birmingham, national WMU executive director, will deliver her annual report; Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., national WMU president, will lead a special prayer of commitment to world needs during the Sunday session; and Mrs. Robert Calvert, Piedmont, Ala., will lead a feature presentation on "Baptist Women Year in the Church," a WMU emphasis for 1978-79.

### Responses

Features on response of women working together and on teaching missions will be led respectively by Mrs. John W. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., president of the North American Baptist Women's Union, and by B. R. Yarbrough, pastor, and Mrs. Edwin Howard, WMU, director, First Baptist Church, Norcross, Ga.

The program will feature a variety of special music, including a concert by The Centurymen, 100 Southern Baptist ministers of music, directed by Beryl Red, New York, N. Y., when the WMU meeting opens on Sunday.



Bob Record of the HMB evangelism staff, teaches a session of the course "How To Grow An Evangelistic Church."

## Black And White Baptists Take Evangelism Training

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courses offerings. Daniels said of the large coursebook, that it had a lot of good sermon material in it. "I'm going in my pulpit next Sunday," he said, "with my Bible in one hand and this book in the other."

The course was apparently well received by the group. Ideas for evangelism in all phases of church life were offered. For instance, the curriculum suggested that a revival service needs several trained decision counselors. Said the instructor, Ken Carter of the HMB evangelism staff of a revival he had been to, "We sang for 20 minutes while the pastor counseled with a young man. He needed counseling right then. But wouldn't it have been better if that small church had had three or four people to counsel with an inquirer or decision maker?"

Another HMB staffer, Leonard Hinton, told of leading a young man to Christ the previous night with the aid of a gospel tract. Hinton said he could not show the men the first unit of a Bible correspondence course because he'd given the new Christian his sample copy.

Grady Collins, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Philadelphia, said that his church had had growth for three years, a building program last year, and that "what I knew we needed was what we're having here."

Collins said he was not aware of the resources available from the HMB. He volunteered before the course was over to be a teacher of other pastors in evangelism training.

L. V. Powell, National Baptist pastor of Winona National Baptist Church said he was excited about the seminar and that he would try to inject some of its points in his next association meeting. And, "I'm going to teach 'How to be Born Again' next quarter to my adults," he said.

Of the fellowship between blacks and whites at the seminar, S. L. Bowman, pastor of Greater Clark Street Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson, said, "The kind of thing we're doing here this week will help blacks to know whites." He said he hopes the biracial evangelistic venture, Good News Mississippi, will "get significant cooperation around the state. I hope this will not turn out to be an all white — all black thing." Bowman said he wants the April revivals to include black-white pulpit exchanges, choir exchanges, and other joint enterprises.

Roy Collum, director of the state convention board's evangelism department, said that the objective of Good News Mississippi was not specifically to help race relations, "but it can't help but help," he said. Collum, who co-sponsored the training session with Brogan, who is director of the Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists department of the convention board, said the entire effort is simply an effort by National and Mississippi (Southern) Baptists to confront every person in Mississippi with the gospel by 1980.

Mississippi Baptists are considering the efforts a part of Bold Mission Thrust which is a Southern Baptist project to make the gospel message

available to every person in the world by the end of the century.

Leonard Young, Lauderdale County's director of missions said he thought the meeting was one of the most helpful he'd had from the evangelism department. We indicated that Mississippi Baptist pastors need more orientation with the HMB's evangelism section programs. "We are Sunday School oriented and the HMB's approach is a plus to an outreach through Sunday School."

Young said that for the simultaneous revivals to work, "evangelism committees of associations need to go to work — to make detailed plans — if they're going to be carried out in April."

Of the black and white pastors learning and fellowshiping together, "that's a plus, and we ought to do more together."

Nashville — A National Conference for Church Secretaries, a first for Southern Baptists, will be held April 23-26, 1979, at the Sunday School Board here. More than 1,000 secretaries are expected to attend.

## Pastor, Wife Die In Wreck

A double funeral was held Monday, April 24 for Eugene F. Hall, III, and his wife, Beverly, who died of injuries suffered Friday, April 21, in an automobile accident at Benton. The funeral was in Pearl.

Hall was a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., and at the time of his death was serving as pastor of the Delta City Church. A veteran of the Vietnam war, he attended Hinds Junior College.

Survivors include: his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Partyka, Madison; a brother, and three sisters.

Mrs. Hall, the former Beverly Dearman, was a native of Canton, attended the Madison-Ridgeland schools. She was an interior designer.

Her survivors are: her mother, Mrs. Carrie Mae Ivy Dearman, Brandon; three sisters; and two half-sisters.

### Correction

The April 13 issue of the Baptist Record stated that the Executive Committee, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, had elected Maurice Waltman, pastor of Fellowship Church, Greene Association, to replace Rayford Moore, who has moved from the association, to membership on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This statement was incorrect, as the names were reversed. The committee elected Moore to replace Waltman, who has moved. This election is on a temporary basis until the convention elects a permanent board member.

## Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Washington (BP) — Holding that no "substantial federal question" is involved, the U. S. Supreme Court declined to schedule for oral arguments two cases from California challenging that state's law regulating nude dancing in bars. In both of the rejected cases, owners of such establishments argued that the California agency's regulation is unconstitutional because the department has not determined whether nude dancing is obscene. They also argued that their freedom of speech was denied by the regulation.

NASHVILLE — New Orleans Seminary President Landrum P. Leavell will assist in preparing a revised edition of Roland Q. Leavell's book, *Evangelism: Christ's Imperative Commission*. Leavell will be assisted in updating the book, which was written by his uncle and is recognized as a classic in Southern Baptist literature, by Harold T. Bryson, associate professor of preaching at the seminary. The updated book, to be printed by Broadman Press, is scheduled for completion by July of 1979.

Old Tappan, N. J. — A new woman's magazine will be published in July to appeal to a rapidly expanding segment of the U. S. population — the Christian woman. The magazine's editorial thrust will be to bring greater emphasis to the female position as wife, mother, or single person. The 160 page publication, *TODAY'S CHRISTIAN WOMAN*, will be published by the Fleming H. Revell Company. Price will be \$2.95.

Lansing, Mich. (RNS) — Gov. William Milliken has signed legislation which raises the legal "drinking age" from 18 to 19 effective Dec. 3. The change had been sought by school, church and law enforcement officials who cited problems caused by 18-year-olds still in school who drink and supply liquor to younger students.

## Journeymen —

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the largest representation in the group is Virginia with 11.

The 106 will go to their respective fields after completion of a six-week training period at Meredith College in Raleigh, N. C., this summer.

## Leaf River To Celebrate 150th Year

Leaf River Church, Covington County, will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Sunday, May 21. Committees are at work in all phases of planning.

"We would like to invite all former pastors, former members, and friends to be with us," states Mrs. J. H. Brister, member of the Publicity Committee.

Regular Sunday services will begin with Sunday School at 10. A basket lunch will be served at noon, and there will be a short program after lunch.

"We will leave plenty of time for reminiscing, rejoicing, and relating what God has done," says Mrs. Brister. "Many may wish to use this time to visit the grave of a loved one in the church cemetery."

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Alon Bee, Jr., a Jackson senior at Ole Miss, photo, right) has just passed the presidential gavel of the Mississippi Baptist Student Convention to John Stanley, an MC junior from Braxton, at the Sunday morning session of the State BSU Leadership Training Conference, held at Camp Garaywa, April 7-9. Involved in the conversation are Ralph B. Winders, left, director of the Department of Student Work, MCB, and Jerry J. Merriman, associate in the department.

Serving with Stanley will be Vice-

President, Ronald Magee, Bay St. Louis, Ole Miss; Secretary, Sheree Tynes, Jackson, Mississippi University for Women; Executive Committee members, Daryl Coats, Soso, University of Southern Mississippi; Linda Robinson, Poplarville, Pearl River Junior College, and John Buckner, Starkville, Mississippi State University; Student Director Advisor, Gladys Bryant, East Central Junior College; Faculty Advisor, Mrs. Lucille Travis, Blue Mountain College; and Pastor Advisor, Jim Keith, First Baptist Church, Gulfport.

## John Stanley Is New State BSU President



The parents of many 1978 summer missionaries were present for the commissioning service at the Saturday night session. Jim Watts, a full-time music missionary from Italy and graduate student at the University of Southern Mississippi, music direc-

tor for the conference, sings a solo with the missionaries forming the background photo. From the state 58 have been appointed by the BSU, 9 by the Brotherhood Department to serve in Montana, and 28 directly by the Home Mission Board.



## Exceptional Persons To See Clown Act

Camp Garaywa, Clinton, will be the site for a retreat for exceptional persons, their parents and teachers. The retreat, to begin at 5 p.m., Friday, May 12, and conclude Saturday, May 13 at 4 p.m., is sponsored by the Mississippi Church Training Department.

"Clowning Around" is the theme. Sessions will include activities for exceptional persons, and discussions groups for parents and teachers. Mrs. Doris Monroe, consultant, Work with Exceptionals, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead the discussion groups.

The activities will include cartoons, a youth group from the United Methodist Church of Hattiesburg led by their youth director, Laura Kruschinsky, in performing their "clown" act, and Betty Spires from New Albany and her "Happy Time Players."

The Washboard Band will return for a second year. This band, a group of ladies from Morrison Heights Church in Clinton, is directed by the church activities director, Jan Cossitt.

Group activities are being planned by Mrs. Thomas F. Bryant and her daughter, Mrs. David Hester, for the older participants, and by Miss Barbara Massey, Children's Director of First, Jackson, for the younger exceptional persons.

One adult should accompany every three (or fewer) exceptional persons. The cost for the entire retreat is \$10.50.

## Storey To Lead Conferences On Day Camping

Waudine Storey, GA consultant, state WMU Department, will lead four day camping conferences to be held in May.

Two on Tuesday, May 2, will be at First Church, Batesville, from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. and at Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Two on Thursday, May 11, will be at Prentiss Church from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and at First Church, Gulfport, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Miss Storey said that the purpose of the two-hour conferences is to introduce day camping skills and the current mission study unit designed for day camping. The sessions are designed for GA leadership, and other adults interested in missions day camping.

## Please Note Time Change For Youth Bible Drill

Please note a change in the time of the Youth Bible Drill, state final, on Saturday, April 29 at Clarke College in Newton. The correct time is 2 p.m. It was erroneously listed in the Youth

Bible Drill leaflet as 4:30 p.m. The drill is a yearly statewide event designed to develop skills in handling the Bible and in memorizing significant scripture passages.

## Christian Action Emphasis Reaches 401 Pastors

Reports show that 1514 people attended Christian Action Commission emphasis meetings across the state this spring, 401 of them pastors.

J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission, in making the report to the Baptist Record, indicated his pleasure at the excellent response.

He stated, "Though some of the meetings were very small in attendance, others compensated as far as the total number is concerned; and we are quite pleased with the overall response. We are asking the consultants who led the meetings to continue this emphasis for another year."

"Fifty-nine associations participated this year," he continued "and a number of Christian Action committees were activated. Much interest was expressed in legislative matters, particularly in the pornography issue. Plans are under way to make an even more concerted drive to get satisfactory legislation through on the pornography question next year."

## What Is Action?

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teams of two people knocking on doors in an assigned territory asking persons to enroll in Bible study (2) telephoners — individuals using their own phones to call friends, relatives, neighbors, and prospects and inviting them to enroll in Bible study; (3) Anglers — youth of the Sunday School seeking to enroll one classmate a day each day during Enrollment Week; (4) bus ministry — bus workers asking parents and relatives of children riding the bus to enroll in Bible study; and (5) pastor's class — an effort by the pastor to reach church members not enrolled in Sunday School and others in the community not being reached by regular Sunday School classes. Every church may not need to use all five elements.

Most associations are conducting ACTION interpretation meetings. If yours isn't, you can contact the state Sunday School department for information about a meeting in your area.

Order the ACTION kit from the Sunday School Department or from the Materials Services of the Sunday School Board in Nashville. Then attend an ACTION training meeting if one is held in your association.

The ACTION manual gives detailed guidance for step-by-step preparation and follow-up. It gives information on providing the space and the workers for new Sunday School classes that will be needed.

Generally, about 40 per cent of those enrolled will begin to attend Sunday School regularly; another 40 percent will attend occasionally; and about 20 percent will seldom attend.

The Sunday morning experience is the key that will bring them back or cause them to stay away. That Sunday morning experience includes the warmth of fellowship and welcome, the meaningfulness of the Bible study experience, the class spirit and enthusiasm, and experiencing a sense of God's presence.

(Condensed from the leaflet, "10 Questions and Answers About ACTION," published by the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.)

## Associations To Study Other Faiths

Covington-Jeff Davis Association is planning an Interfaith Witness Conference on May 4 and May 5 from 7-9 p.m. each night.

The conference will be held at the Covington-Jeff Davis Association office which is located ½ mile south of the intersection of highway 84 and highway 35. The building is on highway 35 in the Lone Star area.

The following people will be leading conferences on the different religions: Kate Ellen Gruver — Mormons; W. B. Mitchell — Worldwide Church of God; and Lloyd Whyte — Jehovah's witnesses.

Earlier, on May 1 and May 2, an Interfaith Witness Conference will be held at First Baptist Church in Jackson, sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Religions to be studied at this conference include: Mormonism, Worldwide Church of God, Catholicism, Jehovah's witnesses, and the Unification Church.

A camel is an animal that looks as though it had been put together by a committee. — News-Leader, Arcadia, Wis.

## The Missions Task

### Missionary Needs Quarterlies

By John Alexander, Director Stewardship Department

Would you like to do something special and personal for missions overseas? You have given money and prayed for missionaries but some reading these lines have never become personally involved in assisting a missionary.

While visiting the Don McNeely family in Lusaka, Zambia recently, Mrs. McNeely indicated a pressing need for outdated Sunday School periodicals for all ages, as well as Vacation Bible School books.

I have seen those old VBS books stored in closets in many of our churches where they only gather dust. Almost every quarter most churches have quarterlies that are unused that could be a real blessing to the teaching efforts overseas.

What can you do about it? You could assume the responsibility in your church, city, or association for periodically collecting these educational items and mailing them overseas. This service would be deeply appreciated and meet a real need. You might ask all pupils to turn in their quarterlies on the last Sunday of the quarter so they could be sent overseas.

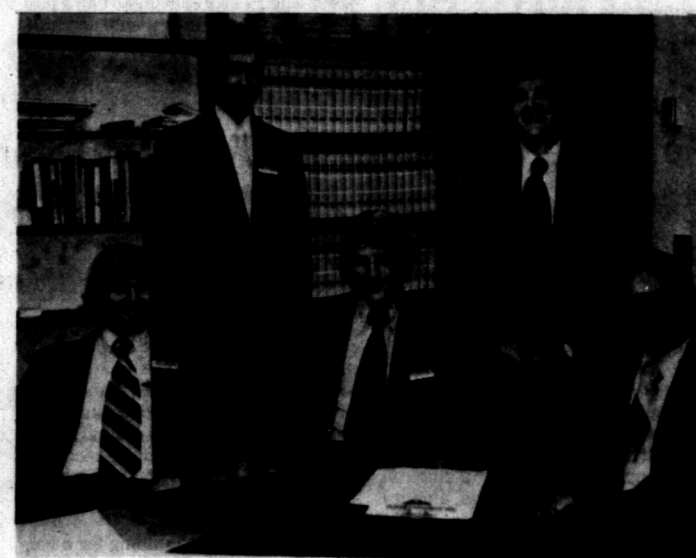
How do you package and mail these items? Wrap the pieces with paper and tie them securely. Obtain a Post Office Customs Declaration from the Post Office to stick on the package. You may get several for future shipments. Write on the outside of the package "For Missionary Use Only" or "Not for Resale" or "Unsolicited Gift — no commercial value." List the contents on the form and put a very low value. You can send books at about \$2.16 for 11 pounds surface mail. All other materials go 22 pounds for about \$10.00. The missionaries get these packages in about 3-5 months.

One couple needing a regular supply is the Don McNeely family, Baptist Mission of Zambia, P. O. Box R. W. 599, Lusaka, Zambia — AFRICA.

Your missionaries need your prayers, money, and unused or used educational materials.

It is my prayer God will impress YOU to become involved in this significant ministry.

Our missionaries will thank you and thank you.

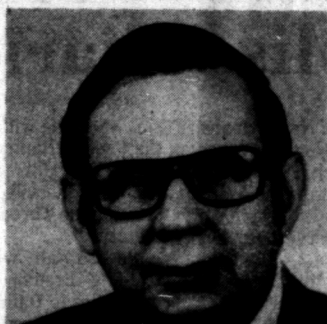


## Hospital Trains Student Chaplains

Four students from the Reformed Theological Seminary are presently completing their required field work in hospital ministries at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson. The students, all seniors, are just beginning their second five week training period at MBMC under the supervision of Chaplain Gordon Shamburger. For the past several years the medical center has sponsored a chaplain extern program. Shown are Herb Flitton, Larry Wanaselja, Bruce Hoyt, Geron Baird, and Chaplain Shamburger. Reformed Theological Seminary is affiliated with Presbyterian churches.



Frank Pollard

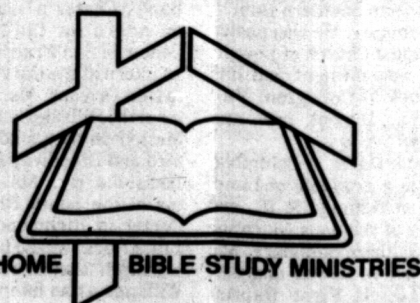


Bryant Cummings



John Ishee

## There's New Excitement About Bible Teaching



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- Hear Frank Pollard, radio/TV Bible teacher and host for "At Home With the Bible," relate his vision of reaching people for Bible study
- Hear Bryant Cummings, state Sunday School director, describe how churches can promote this new ministry
- Hear John Ishee, Home Bible Study Curriculum Developer, explain the printed curriculum and grading system
- Discover how this bold, new effort can reach masses of people for Bible study at home

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# The Baptist Record

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## Editorials

### On-The-Job Training...

## Seminary Students Can Serve

Just a little cogitation will cause one to realize that on-the-job training during a period of academic endeavor will pay off in greater dividends than will the academic work alone. To be able to put one's new-found knowledge into practice gives a double opportunity for retention and refining.

Such is the benefit to a seminary student who is serving as pastor of a church during his seminary training. He concludes his seminary work much better prepared for his life work than if he were experiencing the classroom training only.

Having only the classroom opportunities is certainly not to be dispar-

aged. Not all students can have pastorate, and those who don't will learn as much in the classroom as those who do. The difference is in the opportunity of making application of knowledge acquired while still in the acquiring process.

Thus a church in reasonable distance from a seminary can further a student's education immeasurably by calling one as pastor.

That is not a good enough reason for calling a pastor, however; and without question the church needs to consider itself when it is preparing to call a pastor. With the seminary student, however, the church can feel it would have a bright and alert pastor who would be

busily engaged even then in broadening his knowledge and sharpening his skills in order to be better able to serve.

This still is not the complete consideration for the calling of a pastor. The Holy Spirit must be called upon for leadership. He is just as interested in students as He is in graduates; and He will lead to the right pastor, student or non-student.

The same concept holds true for other staff positions as for that of pastor. The seminary student can serve acceptably and give a good account of himself in any position on a church staff while attending the seminary.

Many churches are close enough to a

seminary to make it practical to call seminary students. New Orleans Seminary is just outside of Mississippi, which would make a great portion of the southern part of the state a prime area for this concept.

Pulpit committees, give thought to this possibility as you make your deliberations. If you have no names of seminary students, the Department of Church-Minister Relations can furnish several upon contact at Box 530, Jackson 39205 or telephone number 354-3704.

If the Holy Spirit leads to a student, the student doubtless will be able to serve effectively. If the Spirit leads elsewhere, follow the Spirit.

### Retirement, Promotion, Transfer...

## April 30 Is Farewell Time

Thirty-four years as a Baptist Building personality is a long tenure according to anybody's definition, but Mississippi has had one with just such a record. It may well be one of the longest terms of service for anybody in Southern Baptist ranks for a relationship to a single state convention staff.

Whether it is a record term of service or not, it will draw to a close on April 30 when W. R. Roberts, annuity representative for Mississippi, leaves his office upon retirement.

W. R. first became a part of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff in 1944, when he became an associate in the Sunday School Department. He served in that capacity until 1947, at which time he was elected secretary of the Brotherhood Department. He served there until 1958, and he became the Annuity Board secretary for Mississippi.

Being annuity secretary was not his only duty, however; for in 1955, while he was still Brotherhood secretary, W.

R. also became the manager of Camp Kittiwake at Past Christian when that assembly was placed into operation. Later he was designated as director of assemblies for Mississippi Baptists and thus also was the first manager for Gulfshore. In 1960 he relinquished his position as director of assemblies to give full time to his annuity secretary duties.

So it is that on April 30 we are bidding farewell to a friend who has been around the Baptist Building for a long time. He could not help but be missed. If his cheery laughter is heard, it will be only when he comes to visit.

W. R. is not one for dramatic good-byes. But we can't let him leave without saying God Speed and wishing him the very best in whatever projects he becomes involved in as he leaves the area that has provided him a working relationship for the past 34 years.

He has served well. There is probably not a better known man among Baptists in Mississippi. He helped us get our assembly programs off the

ground, and he blazed trails in annuity programs.

His contributions will not be forgotten.

As W. R. leaves the Baptist Building, the Baptist Record is saying farewell also to one of its staffers, though he will be remaining in the Baptist Building family. Bill Sellers, who for the past nine years has served the Baptist Record as director of advertising and circulation promotion and has been data processing coordinator for the Convention Board much of that time, will move into the vacancy created by the retirement of W. R. Roberts.

Bill also has done an outstanding job. Both advertising income and circulation have risen steadily during his tenure with the Baptist Record. With a circulation of 122,600 this week the Baptist Record probably has the third highest circulation figure among the Baptist state papers. More than likely it enjoys the finest ratio of circulation to the number of Baptists of any of the state papers. These will be hard shoes

to fill.

The Baptist Record would surely wish him the very best in his new place of responsibility. It is a very important one indeed and one that needs a great deal of attention from every church in the state.

As Bill leaves the Baptist Record, the data processing operation goes to the business office for supervision. This means that two other employees will be moving from the Baptist Record area on May 1. They are Mrs. Ina McFall and Mrs. Nancy Stricklin. Mrs. McFall has been with the Baptist Record for many years, and Mrs. Stricklin is returning following an absence of some months.

To all of these fine folks who are changing the courses of their lives and thus altering to some degree the lives of all of us, we say, "Thank you for jobs that were done very well indeed, and may the Lord's richest blessings go with you as you enter into a new phase of your pilgrimage."



## Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

### She Practiced What She Preached

February 11, 1948, I was a junior at Judson College. Religious Emphasis Week was in progress; I wrote in my diary: "Miss Gladys Keith, missionary at Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans is I think the most magnificent personality who has been here. She said, 'God won't supply all your wants, but He will supply your needs.' Last week I was in New Orleans with 47 others who were on the 1978 Brotherhood mission tour. For the first time I visited Rachel Sims Mission. As the director, Richard Wilson, was walking with us through the rooms of the lower floor, I stepped into an office and came face to face with a portrait of Miss Gladys Keith."

Very clearly I remember that she opened her Bible, and with a smile in her eyes and a quiet firmness in her voice, read to us two verses from Mark: "And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's. But he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."

Miss Keith left her own home and family in her native Mississippi, but the Lord gave to her hundreds of children on the New Orleans riverfront.

She left a job and salary as high school teacher and went to work at the Rachel Sims Mission for room, board, and \$5 a week. But she had two dresses and enough money for groceries.

In the section of the city where she worked there were at least two dozen nationalities, and widespread poverty and crime.

Under her leadership, 12 new missions and a church were opened. Particularly she was sensitive to the needs of the riverfront children; she helped keep boys out of street gangs by finding jobs or recreation for them, and by being their friend.

The Home Mission Board has printed a leaflet on her life. The writer says that "through love and self-sacrifice Gladys Keith changed thousands of lives and the character of a large American city." She practiced what she preached.



She died in 1970, but in memory I could see her still as she stood before the BSU Council at Judson early one sunny morning. We were in the Clubhouse, a rustic building on the back campus that we used for retreats and spend-the-night parties.

### Batesville Native

## HMB Selects Prof For Pilot Project

Michael McMahan, assistant professor of biology at Campbellsville College in Kentucky and his wife, Judy, have been selected to serve as summer missionaries through the College Professor Ministry of the Home Mission Board. He is a Mississippi native.

The College Professor Ministry is a special pilot project utilizing professors and other university-related personnel in summer missions work. The Home Mission Board selects these summer mission personnel to serve in different mission areas in the United States.

These men and women will be serving in such aspects of the program as Vacation Bible School, survey work, and language missions. They will work along with career missionaries in all phases of the individual programs.

The McMahans will serve as house



parents to summer missionaries at the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

Judy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lewis of Mt. Washington, Ky., is secretary and news writer for the public relations office at Campbellsville College. She was formerly BSU summer missionary in North Carolina and in San Francisco.

McMahan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McMahan of Batesville, Miss., received his BS and MS degrees in biology from the University of Mississippi, and his Ph.D. degree in Zoology from Louisiana State University. He is a former member of the First Church in Batesville.

Campbellsville College is a senior liberal arts college affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The person who knows just what they would do if they were there is the person who never seems to get there.

### First, Harvey Changes Name

First Church, Harvey, Old Corinth Rd., Petal, has changed its name to Trinity Baptist Church.

The mailing address is the same, P. O. Box 328, Petal, Ms. 39465. A. D. Strickland is the pastor.



## The Davises Are Named

ATLANTA — Robert and Harriet Davis of Lowell, N. C., have been named missionaries by the Home Mission Board.

They will serve as association directors of Christian social ministries in Shelby, N. C.

The Davises are among 60 persons named to missionary service during the April meeting of the Home Mission directors.

Davis, a native of Batesville, Miss., earned his BA degree from Mississippi College and master of religion and master of divinity degrees from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Davis is a native of Columbia, S. C., and a graduate of Limestone College in Gaffney, S. C. She earned a Master of Religion degree at SBTs also.

Prior to appointment, Davis was pastor of First Church in Lowell where Mrs. Davis was youth director. Also Mrs. Davis has worked as a school teacher in four cities including Lowell. The Davises have three sons.

## HMB Appoints Mississippians Among Career Missionaries

ATLANTA (BP) — A second urban training director, who will assist churches in implementing Christian social ministries, was among the 60 persons named to missions service during the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's directors.

Peggy Latham of Dallas, Texas, will work alongside David Coleman, also a missionary serving the board's Christian social ministries department and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The board appointed 11 career missionaries, including Ms. Latham; 12 missionary associates; 18 US-2 missionaries and 19 pastors to receive aid.

Other career missionaries appointed were Donald and Sharon Anders of Kansas City, Mo.; Bob and Harriet Davis of Lowell, N. C.; Fred and Annalu Hill of Oak Grove, Ky.; Roy and Janice Hill of New Lenox, Ill.; and Joe and Teresa Vasquez of Norfolk, Va.

Named missionary associates were Larry and Patricia Beard of Big Bear Lake, Calif.; Willie and Evelyn Berry of Richmond, Va.; Thomas Butler of Mill Valley, Calif.; Samuel Hawkins of New Orleans, La.; Jane Jackson of Richmond, Va.; Al Mortenson of Louisville, Ky.; Carolyn Roberts of Richmond, Va.; Lehman and Virginia Webb of Little Rock, Ark.; and Tommy Williams of Fort Worth, Texas.

Appointed as US-2 missionaries (college graduates who serve for two years) were Bill and Diane Anderson of Campbellsville, Ky., to serve in Portland, Ore.; Terry Bunton of Merritt Island, Fla., to serve in Waterbury, Conn.; Phillip and Sheila Duncan of Murray, Ky., to serve in Montgomery, Ala.; Mitzi Ellington of La France, S. C., to serve in Columbia, S. C.; Karen Grantham of Tampa, Fla., to serve in Baltimore; Beverly Howard of Indianapolis, to serve in Denver; James Lackey of Appleton City, Mo., to serve in Baltimore; Sarah Mackey of Sumter, S. C., to serve in Rapid City, S. D.; Stanley Pigue of Memphis, Tenn., to serve in Charleston, S. C.; James Holland of Marshall, Texas, to serve in Tulsa, Okla.; Mary Moschella of York, Pa., to serve in Newport, Ky.; Timothy Russell of Port Charlotte, Fla., to serve in Oklahoma City; Kathy Whitson of Bis-

mark, Mo., to serve in New Orleans; Janette Williamson of Newton, Texas, to serve in Miami Beach, Fla.; Daniel Bullock of Ocala, Fla., to serve in East St. Louis, Ill.; and Wanda Campbell of Robbinsville, N. C., to serve in Rochester, Ill.

Anders will serve as director of the Baptist center in Springfield, Mo.

The Davises will serve in Shelby, N. C., where he will direct Christian social ministries for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. Davis, a native of Batesville, Miss., is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds master of religious education and master of divinity degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lowell, N. C., before appointment and has served churches in Colington, Va.; Ceredon, W. Va.; Dupont, Ind.; and Shelbyville, Ky.

Harriet Black Davis, a Columbia, S. C., native, is a graduate of Limestone College in Gaffney, S. C., and holds a master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary. She is school teacher in Lowell and also served the Lowell First Baptist Church as youth director, 1974-76.

The Fred Hills will serve in Wisconsin, where he will direct missions for the Central Baptist Association.

## Directors Of Missions To Meet At Rainbow Park, Decatur

DECATUR, Ga. (BP) — Directors of missions from Baptist associations across the country will gather at Rainbow Park Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga., June 11-12, for the 17th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Directors of Missions.

The meeting is one of a number of meetings surrounding the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Theme for the two-day conference, which convenes at 3:30 p.m., June 11, in this Atlanta suburb, is "Directors of Missions in Bold Mission." It relates to the Bold Mission Thrust goal of the Southern Baptist Convention to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world by the year 2000.

Program personnel include Russell

Dilday, president-elect of Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Loyd Corder, director of division of associational missions, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Russell Bennett, director of supervised ministry studies, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Glendon McCullough, executive director, Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.; Harold Gregory, retired director of missions, Nashville, Tenn.

Also Cline Borders, superintendent of missions, Shelby, N. C.; Robert Dale, professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; William Hale, professor, University of Georgia, Atlanta; Tom Roote, director of missions, Bir-

mingham, Ala., and president of the Southern Baptist Conference of Directors of Missions; Eddie Gilstrap, director of missions, Atlanta; George Bullard Jr., director of missions, Baltimore, Md.; Frank Boggs, concert artist, Westminster Schools, Atlanta; Betty Coble, author, Westminster, Calif.; and Charles McMillan, director of associational missions, Graham, N. C.

Rainbow Park Baptist Church is at 2941 Columbia Drive, Decatur. Gene Tyre is pastor.

Sydney (RNS) — The Association of Principals of Roman Catholic Secondary Schools in South Australia has expressed its strong opposition to legalization or decriminalization of "soft drugs," like marijuana.



# NAMES IN THE NEWS



Providence Church, Cleveland, recently gave I. L. Hill, a surprise on his 10th anniversary as pastor. Hill and his wife were honored at a church reception and were given various gifts, including a meat smoker, a coffee maker, and luggage. Contained in the luggage was announcement of the most pleasant gift of all, a trip to the Holy Land. Since Hill has been at Providence Church, a new education building has been added. There has been an increase in church membership each year. The pastor and his wife departed for the Holy Land April 25 and will be touring for 11 days.

Providence Church, Cleveland, has licensed one of its members to the ministry. Harold Mosley has surrendered to preach. Mosley and his wife, Marilyn, have returned from Lynchburg, Va., where he was a student at Thomas Seminary Bible College.

Mosley

Oak Grove (Holmes) held Pastor Appreciation Day on April 16, honoring J. H. Burrell of Indianola who has been pastor there one year. Dinner was served at the church. M. C. Johnson, of Greenwood, the Leflore County director of missions, preached at the morning service. Doyle Rogers and Marvin Ables also were on program. The pastor received several monetary gifts.

Tommy Foster, minister of music at Crestview Church in Petal and a senior church music major at the University of Southern Mississippi, will be available beginning May 1 for evangelistic work in the area of revivals. His address is Southern Station Box 1347, Hattiesburg (phone 266-7559).

Singer, composer, pianist, Ken Medema was on the Blue Mountain College campus for a concert April 24. Writing and singing his own songs since 1970, he began composing original material for his work as a music therapist.

Walter E. Craighead, emeritus missionary who served in both Romania and Paraguay, died in the emergency room of the Midwest City Memorial Hospital, Midwest City, Okla., April 13 following a massive stroke. He was 85. A missionary to Bessarabia, Romania, first under the sponsorship of a Chattanooga, Tenn., church, Craighead was appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1928. He worked in Romania until Soviet Union forces took over that area in 1940.

The Mississippi College Division of Religion will host Martin E. Marty, noted author, historian, and professor of religion at the University of Chicago Divinity School. On Wednesday, May 3 Marty will speak to students at 10 a.m. and again at 3:50 p.m. in a lecture open to the public in the Reserve Lounge of the B. C. Rogers Student Center.

Sarah Frances Anders, head of the Department of Sociology at Louisiana College, was the guest speaker at the annual Mississippi College Scholastic Recognition Day. Students who have carried a full academic load while maintaining a 3.5 or better scholastic average are honored during Scholastic Recognition Day at the college.

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## At City Auditorium

# Broadmoor To Present Festival Of Praise

The church choir of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, will present a special musical program, entitled FESTIVAL OF PRAISE Sunday afternoon, April 30, at 2:30 p.m. at the City Auditorium, Jackson at the invitation of the Mississippi Arts Festival.

The musical work is by Thurlow Spurr, and is a collection of hymns, gospel songs, spirituals, and Gaither melodies. The songs are interwoven with scripture and narration.

Directing the choir and instrumental ensemble will be J. M. Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor. Organist is Mrs. Jimmy King and pianist is Mrs. Kerry Grantham. Other instrumentalists are Ed Dedeaux, Ralph Atkinson, Jr., Steve Beaton, George Murphy, Presley Posey, Lynn Joiner, and Paul Weidick. Mrs. Barbara Hamilton is director of lighting and drama. David Grant is pastor at Broadmoor.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

## Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

The other day I met two young ladies who used to be students of mine. We greeted each other with the usual, "It's good to see you. How are you?" One of the girls answered with a bright, quick smile, "Fine." I looked at the other and said, "And how about you?" She grinned and said, "Fine." Then she eased off on her grin and said, "Well, 'Fair' would be more like it." I responded with a facial expression, and as she looked at my response and saw that I cared, she said, "Terrible, really." However, a smile returned to her face and she communicated without words, by a shrug of her shoulders and a wrinkle of her face, and a sort of turning away of her body a message that a teacher would understand from a student on a middle-of-the-week-day during the afternoon of test week. We expressed our mutual concern

and went quickly on our ways. Looking at the faces of other students in the hall and in the cafeteria, I wondered how many other young folks there really were doing "terrible" instead of the "fine" and "great" with which they answer our queries of "how are you doing?" Somewhere we have lost the knack of being able to tell each other how we really do feel and why things really are terrible if they are. On the other hand, we have also lost the knack of being able to tell each other how we really do feel and why things really are great, when they are great. Because we are not honest with each other, we have lost the knack in many cases of being able to read behind the words and facial expressions. Honesty really does pay, after all, even in human understanding and caring.

# Staff Changes

Bob Ebersold has accepted a call from Emmanuel Church in Biloxi as pastor. He is a native Missourian and a graduate of Drury College in Springfield, Mo. He has been pastor of churches in Missouri, Iowa, and Arkansas. He served as minister of evangelism and outreach at First Church in Pensacola, Fla. He has conducted evangelistic crusades throughout the U.S. and overseas. He and his wife, Dolores, have three sons, Eddie, Scott and Dwight.



Kermit McGregor has accepted a call to become pastor of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. He has resigned at Temple Church, Hattiesburg, where he has been pastor since 1971. The Pontotoc County native graduated from Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Seminary. He is a trustee of Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and chairman of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. His wife is the former Phyllis Lane McCoy. They have two children.

Robert Day is now pastor of Lilly Orchard Church, Jackson County. He was ordained by the Fort Bayou Church.

Bruce Fields will be the summer activities director at Tybertown Church. Mel Craft, pastor. He will begin work on May 21.

Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, has called Jim Austin as minister of education and evangelism.

Memorial Church, Route 3, Richton, has a new pastor — B. J. Hudson.

It is the rain-process that takes the moisture out of the air and gathers it into concentrated rain-clouds. Were it not for this process, this moisture would condense on every solid surface; while all humanity, bathed in a tepid, humid sweat, would wallow and slide over the clammy earth, like life prisoners in a steam laundry!

## Revival Results

First Church, Holly Springs: April 2-6; Howard Aultman from Columbia, Ala., music evangelist; 12 professions of faith; five by letter; five rededications; Tommy Tutor, pastor.

# April 30 Is ACTION Day At Bowlin

April 30 will be ACTION Sunday at Bowlin Church, Attala County.

Bryant Cummings, director, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be guest speaker at 11 a.m. The day will mark the beginning of an ACTION campaign at the church, an effort to reach more people for Bible study.

Walter Hines, pastor, states that this is an excellent time for the ACTION program to begin at Bowlin because the church plans to enter an building program soon. He said that September is the month when most churches in Attala County will be entering ACTION, but because of the building program Bowlin is beginning now.

April 30 is also Building Fund Day at Bowlin. All tithes and offerings of the day will go into the building fund. A goal of 60 has been set for Sunday School attendance. Sunday School begins at 10.

An old-fashioned dinner on the ground will be served at noon. The Gospel Tones will be guest singers in the afternoon.

## Revival Dates

Pattison Church: April 27-30; Claude H. Fortenberry, pastor, Sand Hill, Richton, evangelist; Cliff Fortenberry, minister of music at Pattison (the evangelist's son), singer; Hollis Todd, pastor.

Briar Hill (Rankin): April 30-May 3; Joe T. Odle, preacher, Bible teacher, author, retired editor of the Baptist Record, evangelist; Curtis Mason, singer; Roy A. Garrison, pastor; 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Sunday; 7:30 p.m. during week.

Oakdale Church (Rankin): April 30-May 5; Louis Smith, pastor First, Canton, evangelist; Tony Kinton, Crossgates Church, singer; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., weekday 7:30 p.m.; H. B. Nail, pastor.

Richland Church: Spiritual Renewal revival; May 7-10; Emory and Mary Wallace, evangelists, (he is pastor of First Church, DeRidder, La.); both will speak at Sunday School and Church Training on Sunday at 10 and 6:30; he will preach at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday; daily services Mon.-Wed. at 10 a.m. followed by a covered dish lunch; nightly services Mon.-Wed. at 7:30; Paul B. Williamson, Jr., pastor.

Eastview Church, Meridian: April 23-28; Marvin Cain, Jr., evangelist; Chris Jenkins, singer; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Cain is pastor of Temple Church, Dermott, Ark. He was formerly pastor in Mississippi.)

First, Ridgeland: May 7-14; Larry Rohman, evangelist; Jerry Swimmer, singer; W. Everett Martin, pastor.

Choctaw Central (New Choctaw): May 7-12; Jimmy Anderson, Shawnee, Okla., evangelist; Clay Gibson, Philadelphia, pastor.

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# FOR GOD'S SPECIAL CHILDREN on MOTHER'S DAY

## A Prayer - A Plea - A Gift



We respectfully suggest that every Baptist church in Mississippi should have an active part in this only appeal of the year to all churches on MOTHER'S DAY. On MAY 14, in your service please consider:

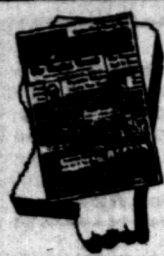
1. A special PRAYER for The Village and its CHILDREN.
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3. A special OFFERING in a worthy amount for our children.

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## Just For The Record



RICKY BUFFINGTON, Sunday School director at Northwest Hills Church, Jackson, challenged the Sunday School to be 100% in attendance for one month. The T.E.L. Class, The Friendship Class, and the high school class (whose teachers are Mrs. Ora Alford, Mrs. Hazel Summers, and James M. Brown) all accepted this challenge and succeeded by having all members present for four consecutive Sundays. "We are very proud of these faithful Sunday School members," states Buffington.



DORSEY CHURCH of Itawamba County held open house on Sunday afternoon, March 26, in its new pastorial. A large number of people were present for the dedication service. The pastor is S. E. O'Brien, Building Committee members are Kenneth Gillentine, Chm., Stanley Sheffield, Floyd Tomlin, and Billy Hawkins.



FREEDOM CHURCH, LAUREL, has burned the note on its pastorial and dedicated the home, as well as a public address system which has been installed in the church. The 16-year note was paid in 5 1/2 years. Left to right are Billy Ingram, pastor; Dewitt Strickland, who led the dedication prayer; Clyde Howard, chairman of the Building Committee; J. T. Norton, chairman of deacons; Vernon Hall, chairman of Finance Committee. Ingram has been pastor at Freedom for seven years.

WANILLA CHURCH will celebrate its 70th anniversary on April 30, with homecoming. Dinner will be served after the regular morning service. Singing will be a feature of the afternoon service. (The church is seven miles north of Monticello on Highway 27.)



FIRST CHURCH, TCHULA, on April 2 dedicated new chimes to the glory of God. Mrs. Joe Wilson, left, gave the chimes in memory of her late husband, Paul Wilson. Alan Kilgore, right, is pastor at Tchula.

A SEMINAR on the usefulness of professional-quality puppets as effective instructional tools is scheduled at the CALVARY CHURCH, TUPELO, on Thursday, May 4, from 6:30-10:00 P.M.

The three and one-half hour training session will be conducted by professional puppeteers from Puppet Productions, Inc. (PPI), a San Diego, California company. For additional details and registration information, contact Rick Heironimus at (601) 842-3338.

## Louisville Choir To Give Repeat Of "Beginnings"

The Sanctuary Choir and Percussion Ensemble of First Church, Louisville, will give a repeat performance of *Beginnings*, a praise concert, by Beryl Red and Ragan Courtney, on Monday, May 1, at 8 p.m.

The performance will be under direction of Wm. T. Fancher, minister of music. Robert L. Mounts, pastor, will

## Baptist Youths Take Over Church Affairs

For an entire week, March 12-19, the youth of Coffeyville Church assumed the official duties of church activities. Led by the youth pastor, Donald Gray (2nd row, left), who preached Sunday morning, they taught the Sunday School lessons, led in Church Training, ushered, filled the choir, and served as deacons. Over 30 of the youth participants are shown above with pastor, Donnie Stewart (front, left).

## White Oak Plans Weekend Youth Encounter

White Oak Church near Raleigh will be the site of a Youth Encounter Weekend on April 28, 29, and 30.

Russ Brashear from Ohio, a student at Mississippi College, will speak each night at 7 and at 11 on Sunday morning. His wife, Alisa, will also be a member of the Encounter team.

Phil Lang of Biloxi, student at Mississippi College, will lead the singing. A recreation activity is scheduled for 2 to 4 on Sunday afternoon. There will be fellowship and refreshments after each night service, according to W. G. Dowdy, pastor.

Whenever evil befalls us, we ought to ask ourselves, after the first suffering, how we can turn it into good. So shall we take occasion, from one bitter root, to raise perhaps many flowers. — Leigh Hunt.

## Devotional

### Jesus, Savior of Sinners

By Gowan Ellis, Noxapater  
Matthew 1:21

The Bible reminds us that each person is a sinner. Then God tells us that Jesus came to save sinners. Thus, Jesus is the Person that every other person needs to know in life. I learned this from a child. The child was just beginning to talk, and the parents liked to ask questions to enjoy his response.

In response to the question, "What are you going to do in life?" he said, "I am going to be a preacher." Then he was asked, "What are you going to preach about?" He said, "I am going to preach about Jesus."

Each person needs to hear about Jesus, or one day each person will wish that he had heard and heeded. The Bible presents the following suggestions concerning Jesus, the Savior of sinners: He is the seeking Savior; He is the sufficient Savior; and He is the substituting Savior.

I. Jesus is the seeking Savior. From Genesis 3, we are aware that God was seeking out man who had sinned. The question still rings out . . . "Adam, where are you?"

In Luke 15, we confront the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. The concern is on seeking one that is lost until that one is found.

In Luke 19:10, Jesus summed up His mission by stating "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

The hymn-writer states it well. "Jesus, my Savior, to Bethlehem came, laid in a manger to sorrow and shame; Oh, it was wonderful, blest be His name, seeking for me, for me."

II. Jesus is the sufficient Savior. He is sufficient for each sin, for each sinner. Some indications from the Bible will verify this. John 4 presents a woman who had lived in known sin. Jesus cleansed her. John 8 presents one who had been caught in sin. Jesus forgave her. Who is the worst sinner you know? Jesus is the sufficient Savior for that person.

I Corinthians 6:9-11: "The unrighteous, idolaters, thieves, covetous person, shall not inherit the kingdom. Such were some of you, but you are washed, you are sanctified, you are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus . . ." I John 1:7: " . . . the blood of Jesus His son cleanseth us from all sin."

III. Jesus is the substituting Savior. Jesus said that He came to give His life a ransom for many. Paul spoke of Jesus as the One who gave Himself for our sins. Consider the words of the hymn: "Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood; Sealed my pardon with His blood; Hallelujah! what a Savior!"

Jesus, the Savior of Sinners, is presented to us in the Word. Acts 4:12: " . . . there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

## Life and Work Lesson

### God's Active Judgment In History

By Bill Duncan, First, Long Beach  
Genesis 6-7

Do you remember when you set out to learn the multiplication tables? The numbers can grow rapidly if you go beyond 12. Did you ever figure out what 1,000 x 1,000 equals?

The law of sin is the law of multiplication. From little to more it grows until it would seem to go beyond all reach and calculation. God grieved at the multiplication of sin. In the days of Noah, "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Sin was everywhere. In skills and knowledge, man had developed greatly, but at the same time, evil, self-centeredness, lust, and immorality of every kind had increased and characterized the lifestyle. In fact, the situation was so intolerable that God actually experienced grief because of what was happening among members of the human race. In Genesis 6:7 when God said He was sorry that He had created humanity, He was expressing His deep disappointment that man had drifted so far away from the divine purpose.

The simple story of the whole Bible is that the heart of our Heavenly Father is grieved by our sin. He made us for a better life than that of sinfulness. Would it not have been better if God had made man incapable of choosing sin? If there is no opportunity for a Cain to develop, there is also no opportunity for an Enoch to walk with God by faith. It is God's desire still that His creature should choose the path of righteous service and fellowship.

God's purpose in creation was frustrated by sin. What was God to do? He could not stand aside and allow sin to run its course until it had completely destroyed the family of man from the face of the earth. His holy nature protested. The God of history said that sin should be judged and destroyed, and the righteous should be protected.

How do you explain the justice of God in bringing the flood to destroy sinful man? God had given clear instructions about the consequences of sin to Adam and Eve. Mankind was without excuse. Genesis 6:3 says, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." In other words, God's Spirit strives with man as long as there is any hope of saving him, until, in the depths

of sin, he literally drives God away. Why was Noah and his family spared in the flood. There are three major characteristics that God found in Noah. First, Noah was a just and fair-minded man. This was not a hypocritical trait, for the Bible says that, "Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord." No doubt there was much that Noah did not understand about what God had told him and instructed him to do, but he believed in God.

He understood that if he were to find favor with God he must obey God's word and seek to carry out His orders. Second, Noah was blameless in his generation. Noah was an exceptional man in a wicked and corrupt society. Though he was often unpopular among his peers, he still refused to be one of the guys.

Noah sought to apply God's principles to every decision that he made and to everything that he did. In doing so, he found that he was often the object of ridicule and harassment from those around him. But because he sensed God's presence and direction, Noah endeavored to please God and not man. The third quality of life found in Noah was a natural outcome of the first two. Noah walked with God. Like his great-grandfather Enoch, Noah had an inner fellowship with his God. He was aware of God's presence at all times, and he found this to be the sustaining strength of his life.

For 120 years, Noah built an ark according to God's instructions. All that time, Noah warned the people of the coming destruction. However only Noah and his family entered the ark. Noah carried into the ark two of every kind of animals, but of the "clean animals" there were to be seven pairs each.

The "clean animals" were to be used later for food and for sacrifices to be offered to God. Some have doubted whether species of animals now classified by naturalists could have been contained in the ark.

John D. Davis stated in a Dictionary of the Bible that: "The highest estimate of the number of species of land mammalia is 290 above the size of the sheep, 757 from sheep to rats, a 1,359 the size of rats, bats and shrews. The average size is about that of a common cat."

Allowing five square feet deck room as ample sufficient for a cat, two of

each species of mammalia could find room on two-thirds of one deck of the ark, with its 33,750 square feet of surface.

The representatives of 10,000 species of birds, 979 of reptiles, 1,252 of lizards, and 100,000 of insects could easily be placed on the remaining third of the deck, leaving the other two decks for storing food.

The flood had a purging effect on the world. The universality of human sin demanded the universality of God's judgment. Through the flood God preserved Noah and his family and all the

animals that they took with them into the ark. All men and beast left on the outside were destroyed. Then after seven months the waters receded and the occupants disembarked on dry ground to begin life again.

Noah's first act was to build an altar and worship God. God was pleased and pledged that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood and, as a sign of His promise, He put the rainbow in the clouds.

God's activity as the Lord of history is best seen in retrospect. As one looks back he sees God's hand on life and its activity.

## Uniform Lesson

### Saul: Persecutor Becomes Apostle

By Hardy R. Denham, Jr.  
First, Newton  
Acts 9:1-16

An American engineer had to go into the interior of New Guinea. He secured the services of a native guide. The guide asked the American if he was a Christian. The engineer's answer was evasive and inconclusive. From time to time the guide would ask the question with the same response. One night, sitting by the camp fire eating supper, the native guide again pressed the question. The American, tired of being asked, responded, "Why do you keep asking me that question? What difference does it make if I am a Christian or not?" The native answered, "Being a Christian makes all the difference in the world. If I were not a Christian I would be eating you for supper rather than eating supper with you."

Christ makes a difference in life. He changes men completely. Saul's one of the greatest trophies of the power of God's grace. He was changed from a persecutor of the church to one who was used of God to establish churches in city after city. The fact that Saul's conversion experience was so significant is proven by the fact that it is reported four times in the New Testament (Acts 9:1-16; 22:3-16; 26:2-19; Galatians 1:11-17).

#### I. The Confrontation With Christ (Verses 1-4)

Saul's confrontation with Christ was unexpected. The persecutor was introduced in Acts 7:58-8:3. Saul became a prime mover in the period of persecution which began with Stephen's death. Saul's zeal in persecuting saints led him to extend the scope of his activity to Damascus (verses 1-2). It was while he was on the way to Damascus that Christ suddenly appeared to him.

The manner of the Lord's appearance was startling (verses 3-4). First there was a brilliant light which blinded him (Acts 26:13). Second, he heard the Lord call his name (verse 4). The Christ was not only alive, He also knew Saul's name! Saul, who was going to arrest Christians, suddenly found himself arrested by the Living Lord.

Saul's confrontation with Christ was also revelatory. The Lord identified Himself as the object of Saul's persecution (verse 4b). Saul was persecuting the church, but the Lord is so closely identified with His church that what one does to the church he does to Christ.

#### II. The Conversion Of Saul (Verses 5-9)

There can be no doubt that the surrender of life took place on the road as Saul lay stunned by the sudden appearance of Christ. There is no report

of his verbal commitment in this salvation narrative, but Saul made one. The KJV includes the question, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" in verse six but this is not in the best Greek manuscripts. However, the question is recorded in Acts 22:10. Saul acknowledged Christ as his Lord.

Further evidence of Saul's surrender is found in his conduct. Christ told Saul to go into Damascus and await further instructions (verse 6). The blind Saul was led into Damascus and waited for three days for further instructions (verses 8-9).

Genuine conversion is expressed by obedience. The Lord Jesus put emphasis on this (Matthew 7:21) and John stated that obedience is an evidence of conversion (1 John 2:3-4). There is a bust of General Robert E. Lee with these words inscribed beneath it: "Duty is the sublimest word in the language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more, you should never do less." The Christian's duty is to obey God.

Two observations need to be made concerning Saul's conversion. First, the experience was Saul's and is not reported as the norm or standard for all Christians. The experience of every Christian is not to be a duplicate of Saul's anymore than all must be saved on the Damascus Road for the experience to be genuine. God does the same

for all in the experience of conversion, but the experiences do not happen in the same way. Second, the men who were with Saul heard the voice of Christ (verse 8), but did not understand the words (Acts 22:9).

#### III. The Courage Of Ananias (Verses 10-16)

Ananias was one of those Christians who belonged to Saints Anonymous. There are those who stand in the spotlight of public attention. And, there are multiplied thousands who serve in the shadows cast by the greatness of others.

Ananias knew all the bad things about Saul, thus when the Lord told him to go to Saul he was reluctant (verses 11-14). Saul's reputation as a persecutor had preceded him to Damascus (verse 13) and news of Saul's purpose in traveling to Damascus reached the city in advance of his arrival (verse 14). One can well understand Ananias' reluctance!

The Lord answered Ananias' fears with the assurance that Saul had been chosen for service (verses 15-16). With that assurance, Ananias went and gave Saul the direction the Lord had promised (verses 16-19).

The courage and faith of Ananias is worthy of the highest praise. He accepted without question the Lord's word about Saul, and did what he was told to do.



## Prayer Room Plaque Honors Mrs. May

A plaque and Bible were placed in the third floor prayer room of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center by the W.M.U. of First Church, Louisville. The presentation was made in the honor of the late Mrs. Vernon May, who served as state WMU president. Shown making the presentation to Chaplain Gordon Shamburger are Mrs. David Stewart and Mrs. Harvey Haggard. Mrs. May was active in WMU at First, Louisville while her husband was pastor there.

